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3B7, AGALEGA & ST. BRANDON. 3B8CF stated he will not be going to 3B7 for another 2 months. No dates have been set and everything depends on the availability of ships. There were reports of 3B7CF on the air this week, but they were all slim operations.

3D2, ROTUMA. Antoine, 3D2AG, was active from Rotuma Island between July 3 thru the 10th. QSL to his CallBook address.

4K, SNAKE ISLAND. 4K5ZI became active, July 11th, on 14188 kHz around 0430Z and was going by call areas. The group of Soviets was to start their operations July 6th and end on July 26th.

5U7, NIGER. Alan, 5U7NU, has been active again on 14248 kHz at 2300z. He was heard saying that this will be his last week at 5U7. Alan's job as a airplane pilot will take him to "TZ" in a few weeks. A new callsign has not been issued to him yet but he will be active from the new QTH.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Well known DXer Matti, OH2BH, is signing OH2BH/EA8 and it is not known how long he will be operating from EA8. Check the following frequencies: 14250, 14266 and 21235 kHz. Most activity seems to be around 2230 to 0400z.

F0, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Look for Daniel, F04DL in the early morning hours around 0700z on 14249 kHz.

QSL CARDS IN THE MAIL. HK0TU (8 Months), T31KY (4 Weeks), D44BC (6 Weeks) and YA0RR.

V4, NEVIS ISLAND. Be looking for a V47DX to be active this week. The operation will start July 16th and last until July 23rd. No special frequencies have been mentioned, but activity will be 10-160 meters on SSB. There may be some RTTY and AMTOR activity. QSL via N5FTR.

VP8 SOUTH SANDWICH ISLAND. QRZ DX reports the DXpedition to South Sandwich has been delayed until March. The reason is the ice will be in better shape for landing.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. As of Sunday, July 14th, nothing has been heard of the Italian group who was to begin their YA operation July 12th. Let's hope nothing has gone wrong. KYFC!!

ZA, ALBANIA. (The Story Behind The Rumor!) Ben, DL6RAI, informs the OPDX Bulletin of the truth about: "the possible operation by I3BZK and I3GJZ to ZA-land to start July 11." This information was originally posted on packet radio somewhere in Italy. The original message even included a telephone number for stations who wanted to be put on the list. We DXers hope for a ZA Dxpediton so badly this information was published in almost every DX bulletin. While this info was being passed around from bulletin to bulletin, a second packet message was sent. This time it was from the "real" I3BZK stating that somebody was trying to fool him and was passing bogus information. Obviously everyone has read the first message but not the second one.

"BUT WAIT!!!!", says Ben. In fact, Ben heard that a large group of Italians will operate from Albania during mid-July. Marius, Y03CD, a good friend of Ben's, received this info a couple of days ago in Italy before visiting Germany. Now the question: Is this the old story or is there something really going on? According to Marius's information, there are about a dozen operators involved in this Dxpediton. I guess all you can do now is stay tuned and ready. KYFC!!!

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLAND. ZK1CQ has been active on CW on 21026 kHz around 0300z, 7003 kHz around 1000z to 1130z, 14026 kHz around 0730z and on 18071 kHz around 0400z. Check the 15 meter band for his strong signal into the states, even if the band sounds poor. Dale, NA8A, said, "When last heard he was the only signal in 8-land heard coming through when the 15 meter band was completely dead."

DXCC BACKLOG. Things are looking better now then 6 months ago for the DXCC Desk. It has been reported this week the DXCC endorsement backlog is down to 3 months instead of 6 months in the beginning of the year.

THE WK3N WORLD DX NEWS REPORT.....

Ljubljana, Yugoslavia-- A European created plan to avoid civil war in that country received a major boost when Slovenia's parliament voted overwhelmingly to suspend its independence drive. But the violent war continues in a different area of the patchwork nation! This time near the Yugoslavian and Albanian border. Reason unknown at this time..... The BBC reports that "Civil problems are now brewing in Sierra Leone... World Monitor News says that both government and guerrilla troops have once again clashed in heavy fighting in El Salvador..... Amateurs may wish to listen or check into the ANARC SWL Net, Sundays, on 7140 kHz at 10 AM EST for times and frquencies of shortwave broadcasters in these areas.....

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